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1. ON JANUARY 25, 1977, THE PRESIDENT NOMINATED ELLIOT L.
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RICHARDSON TO SERVE AS AMBASSADOR AT LARGE AND SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CON-
FERENCE. HE SUCCEEDS T. VINCENT LEARSON, WHO HAS RESIGNED.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF JANUARY 25, 1977:

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, UPON THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ANNOUNCED TODAY THE NOMINATION OF ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON TO SERVE AS AMBASSADOR AT LARGE AND AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGAN OFFICIALLY IN 1974, INVOLVES NEGOTIATIONS AMONG MORE THAN 150 NATIONS -- VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. ITS PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP A LAW OF THE SEA TREATY, TO PROVIDE A STABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PREVIOUSLY DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN SEA LAWS. IN 1974, THEN GOVERNOR CARTER PROPOSED AND HAD ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE A RESOLUTION TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN CARACAS.

IN ANNOUNCING ELLIOT RICHARDSON'S APPOINTMENT, PRESIDENT CARTER NOTED: QUOTE THE OCEANS COMPRISE OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE. BUT WE HAVE BEEN SLOW TO APPRECIATE THEIR INCREASING IMPORTANCE -- THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE; THEIR VAST POTENTIAL AS A SOURCE OF MINERALS, ENERGY AND PROTEIN; AND THE ESSENTIALITY OF THEIR FREEDOM OF USE FOR THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL NATIONS.

QUOTE WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS TOWARD THE NEGOTIATION OF A SATISFACTORY TREATY, MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES RE-
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MAIN UNRESOLVED. AT STAKE ARE COMPETING NATIONAL INTERESTS IN FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND USE OF THE SEAS, IN OCEAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF OCEAN SCIENCE, AND IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

QUOTE THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND I CONSIDER THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS TO BE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY. MY NOMINATION OF ELLIOT RICHARDSON, WITH HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND ABILITIES, TESTIFIES TO THE IMPORTANCE I PERSONALLY ATTACH TO ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

QUOTE ELLIOT RICHARDSON BRINGS TO THIS CHALLENGE A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF LEGAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE -- INCLUDING DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED IN LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS.

QUOTE I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MOST ABLY REPRESENTED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS -- AND HOPEFUL THAT, WITH THE GOOD WILL OF OTHER NATIONS, A TREATY MAY

BE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL
MANKIND. UNQUOTE.

SELECTED BIOGRAPHICAL FACTS REGARDING ELLIOT L.
RICHARDSON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ELLIOT RICHARDSON'S LEGAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:
EDITOR, HARVARD LAW REVIEW; PARTNER IN BOSTON
LAW FIRM, ROPES GRAY; UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR
THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS; MASSACHUSETTS
ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
GENERAL.

HIS INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES SERVICE AS:
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE; UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE (IN WHICH CAPACITY HE CHAIRED THE NSC
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COMMITTEE WHICH HAD JURISDICTION FOR LAW OF THE
SEA); SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; AND AMBASSADOR TO
THE COURT OF ST. JAMES.

AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, ELLIOT RICHARDSON TOOK
A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE OCEANS. HE WORKED TO
DEVELOP, ENACT, AND IMPLEMENT THE COASTAL ZONE
MANAGEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1976 -- AND THE
ASSOCIATED DOLS 1.2 BILLION COASTAL ENERGY IMPACT
PROGRAM -- AND WORKED WITH THE STATE AND
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE
FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF
1976, KNOWN GENERALLY AS QUOTE THE 200 MILE LIMIT
BILL. UNQUOTE. HE ADVANCED THE ARGUMENT FOR
CREATION OF A CABINET COMMITTEE ON OCEANS.

ELLIOT RICHARDSON IS THE ONLY AMERICAN TO HAVE
SERVED IN FOUR CABINET POSITIONS. THIS APPOINT-
MENT IS HIS NINTH PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT UNDER
FOUR PRESIDENTS.

3. POSTS' ATTENTION IS ALSO INVITED TO THE WIRELESS FILE
ITEM OF JANUARY 26 ENTITLED QUOTE RICHARDSON APPOINTMENT
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4. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AS
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